

I am also proud to recognize State Senator Toni Harp tonight. State Senator Harp is a strong community leader and eloquent advocate for the needs of New Haven residents at our State Capitol. She is the ranking member on the Connecticut State Legislature's Public Health Committee. Toni is praised by her peers for her ability to balance out her professional duties at Hill Health Center in New Haven, her legislative duties in Hartford and her love and devotion for her family. On the State and Federal level, she has been a strong advocate for women, seniors and children, and working families. She is described as an excellent listener and someone who is not afraid to stand up and be heard on issues including affirmative action, child welfare and the advancement of women. Toni presently serves on the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation and as the treasure of the Legislative Black and Puerto Rico Caucus.

I thank Anne Calabresi and State Senator Harp for their tireless efforts and countless contributions to our community. I am proud to acknowledge them during Women's History Month. Both women are true rolemodels for young women and girls.

At this time, I am happy to yield the remainder of my time to the coordinator of this series of Special orders, Congresswoman ROYBAL-ALLARD.

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Although I am going to be speaking later, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank my colleague the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO] for joining me in sponsoring this event and for helping to make this tribute to women possible. She is to be commended for her deep commitment to helping to elevate the status of women in this country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. CHRISTENSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

HONORING MRS. SENORINA RENDON AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR CALIFORNIA'S 33D CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues who have joined us to commemorate women's history month by recognizing outstanding women in our Nation.

Throughout the month of March, we in this country honor women from the

past and present, who have, each in their own way, made a positive difference in their communities and toward the betterment of our Nation.

These women come from all walks of life, cultures and economic backgrounds.

They are the women who work in our fields and our factories, in Federal, State and local governments and in the armed services in defense of our country. They are the women who work hard at home to preserve the family, the very foundation of our country.

The struggles and pioneering efforts of the women who came before us, and the courage and determination of the women of today, have opened new opportunities for all of us.

It was not that long ago when women were thought of only as mothers, daughters, sisters, and men's wives.

The fact that I am here this evening celebrating Women's History Month with my colleagues, many of whom are women, is indicative of the changing role of women in our society.

We all know, however, that there is significant room for improvement.

Even today, working women still earn only 70 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts, the glass ceiling has still not been shattered, women are still victims of sexual harassment at both work and school, gender equity in education is not yet a reality, and women are still much more likely to live in poverty than men.

But because of women such as those we are honoring tonight, I am confident that we will not only continue to elevate the status of women, but strengthen our communities and our society as a whole.

This evening, I would like to recognize one of the many women in my district who embodies this spirit, Mrs. Seniorina Rendon.

Mrs. Rendon, a resident of the city of South Gate CA, has always been an active force in her community.

She is a member of the South Gate PTA and formerly served as its president.

She combats the problem of gang violence in her community, through her work with police officers and local youth.

For the past 6 years, Mrs. Rendon has been the president of the South Gate High School parents group, where she works to motivate parents to get involved in their children's education.

Her ultimate goal is to give all the students in her community the opportunity to attend college.

Mrs. Rendon knows first hand the benefits of education.

While volunteering in her community, and raising six children, all of whom have graduated from high school and two from college thus far, Mrs. Rendon herself has gone back to school to continue her own education.

Mrs. Rendon exemplifies the utmost dedication to both family and community.

She is a shining example of an outstanding woman in public service and I

am honored that she is the "woman of the year" for the 33d Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the remainder of my time to the gentleman from Utah [Mr. ORTON].

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA HUGHES CANNON IN CONJUNCTION WITH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mr. ORTON. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, in conjunction with Women's History Month, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman in the political history of our Nation: Martha Hughes Cannon.

Born on July 1, 1857, Martha Hughes Cannon led a distinguished life that included completing medical school at the age of 23, starting a medical practice in Utah, working tirelessly for the cause of women's suffrage, establishing Utah's first training school for nurses, and becoming the first woman in the history of our Nation to be elected to a State Senate.

Martha Hughes Cannon was elected to the Utah State Senate in 1896—her achievement all the more noteworthy since she ran in a field that pitted her against her husband, Angus M. Cannon. As a State senator, she introduced legislation to provide education for deaf and blind children, to create a State board of health, and to provide for rules and regulations in a number of sanitation and public health areas.

In 1898, she traveled to Washington to deliver a powerful speech to a Congressional Committee in favor of granting women the right to vote in the United States.

This year, Utah celebrates the 100th anniversary of its statehood. As part of statehood celebrations, a statue of Martha Hughes Cannon will be unveiled in the Utah State Capitol rotunda on July 24, 1996. It is a fitting tribute to her tremendous contribution to our State.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California [Mrs. SEASTRAND] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, it is a wonderful privilege to stand here to commemorate Women's History Month. I stand before you tonight to share my belief that the 104th Congress has done so much to further the cause of women, women and their rights, which is so important not only to me but to my mother and to my daughter Heidi.

I speak of women's rights in the broadest sense. I believe that the interests of women are inseparable from those of the rest of our Nation. Women, men, children all have a stake in the strength and prosperity of America. What is good for our country is good for all of us.

We in this Congress have taken great strides towards balancing the Federal budget, restraining an intrusive government, and limiting military interventionism. These are noble goals. Though yet to be fully attained, they are within the reach of this Congress and will benefit men and women alike.

The continuing struggle to balance the budget through the judicious restraint of Federal spending is fraught with implications for women's rights. Successfully balancing the budget will provide the following benefits for women and all Americans:

It is going to create 6.1 million new job opportunities in the early part of the 21st century. The best way to promote opportunities for women is to create an economy which can accommodate all those who wish to work.

A balanced budget would also bring a 2 percent decline in interest rates. Women would have easier access to home, business, and education loans, thereby increasing their economic and educational opportunities.

A balanced budget would definitely mean that we would have a future free of debt. We as mothers would bequeath to our children a future of greater opportunity and a government of increased virtue and vitality.

We in this Congress have labored mightily to scale back the size and scope of an overly intrusive government. With the restraint of government comes an increase in liberty and enterprise. Excessive regulation is the bane of the individual entrepreneur.

The Republican Party has vigorously championed the elimination of needless bureaucratic obstacles for private enterprise. In an increasingly competitive job market women can only benefit from an environment which encourages the creation of small business. Government must step out of the way of the women entrepreneur.

By opposing the overtly and overly interventionist policies of the Clinton Administration, we of this Congress have done our best to keep our troops home and their families together. The deployment of United States soldiers to Bosnia serves no American interest and needlessly puts the lives of our young men and women, in jeopardy. The women who have been sent to Bosnia have had to leave their families, their husbands, their children behind. The women whose husbands have been deployed are left with added financial and parenting responsibilities. Restraining foreign intervention is good for women and good for our country.

Mr. Speaker, as we take time to reflect upon the contributions of women throughout history, let us not diminish their legacy by concentrating narrowly upon the ideological agenda of a few. Those great women who came before us struggled for equality of opportunity, not the equality of result. They struggled for increased liberty, not the security bestowed by government.

We in the Republican Party are the rightful inheritors of this noble legacy.

Our efforts to promote individual liberty mirror those wonderful women's struggles for freedom of opportunity. Let us act worthy of them by continuing to fight for a much brighter future, one in which the strength and dignity of women are allowed to flourish in an atmosphere of liberty and abundance.

HONORING OFELIA LOZANO AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR CALIFORNIA'S 34TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. TORRES] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAULO] and the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD] for calling this special order tonight to honor women and the contribution of women to the Nation of America.

Mr. Speaker, today I have the distinct privilege and honor of naming longtime Pico Rivera resident and community activist Ofelia Lozano as the 34th Congressional District's Woman of the Year.

Since moving to Pico Rivera 39 years ago, Ofelia has unselfishly given of her time and energy to a myriad of causes which have made our city a better place to live and the future a better place to grow up.

She has been a member of the Pico Pico Women's Club for the past 25 years, serving as its president and vice president.

She has also been active with the Pico Rivera Christmas Basket Committee, an exemplary organization committed to distributing food to the needy, to seniors and to a number of youth athletic teams.

But perhaps her most noted contribution has been her untiring efforts on behalf of North Park Middle School and its nationally recognized and award-winning marching band. In the band's early years, it was Ofelia Lozano who raised much needed funds to permit the band to compete, and now that the band has been selected to play in next year's Rose Bowl game and the Rose Bowl parade, it is Ofelia Lozano who again has committed countless hours to helping the band meet its goal of raising the \$10,000 that it needs to play in that parade.

Mr. Speaker, Ofelia Lozano is not only worthy of this recognition but most importantly deserving of it. She is a true friend and an ardent supporter of the youth of Pico Rivera. She indeed exemplifies the modern woman, the activist, the mother, who is out there struggling on behalf of all the duties that she has, yet she has time to give to her community, to her city, to the children of our city and to this Nation. Indeed, I congratulate her.

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. LOWEY].

HONORING AMY PAULIN AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR NEW YORK'S 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD] and the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAULO] for organizing this tribute to women from around the country who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities.

I am here to honor an outstanding constituent, Amy Paulin of Scarsdale, NY. Amy, like myself, the mother of three children, has dedicated herself to the women and families of Westchester County. In fact, Amy was selected the 1995 Woman of the Year by a coalition of women in my district.

The list of Amy's community activities fills pages and in each role she has epitomized the concept of citizenship.

Amy was president of the League of Women Voters for 3 years. While Amy was president, the league registered 2,000 voters, and issued nonpartisan Voters Guides to 85 percent of the voters in Westchester County. In addition, the league sponsored debates for political candidates and was actively involved in shaping local legislation.

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One of the highlights of Amy's presidency was her success at urging the creation of the Westchester County Board of Legislators Task Force on Families. When Amy realized that no board committees addressed women and children's issues, she brought it to the attention of the chair of the county board. Then, Amy led a successful lobbying effort that convinced the board that such a task force was indeed necessary. Amy is currently the only citizen-member of the task force, which just released a very important report on Westchester County's response to child abuse.

In addition to Amy's superb work with the league, she sits on the board of: The Westchester Children's Association, the Westchester Women's Agenda, the YWCA of White Plains, the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion, the UJA-Federation Scarsdale Women's Campaign, and the Scarsdale Middle School P.T.A.

As you can see, Amy's commitment to women and families is very serious. Westchester County has benefited from her tireless efforts on behalf of our families. I am honored to have the opportunity to honor Amy Parlin as Woman of the Year.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. YATES] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. YATES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

HONORING KATHARINE HOUGHTON HEPBURN DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. SEASTRAND). Under a previous order of